



# Eagle Express

## We received another call...and DELIVERED!

Over the last month, French and African forces in Mali have been battling Islamist rebels in an effort to halt their advances. The U.S. has been supporting French efforts by providing intelligence sharing, refueling and, perhaps most importantly, airlift! In recent days French-backed government forces have made gains in the key battleground cities of Timbuktu and Gao, where they have chased the rebels out.



Our wing entered the picture on January 21st, when the US Air Force began transporting French soldiers and military equipment from Istres, France to Bamako, Mali. As of Feb 4, 2013, our Wing has contributed to the execution of 49 airlift missions supporting AFRICOM operations. These missions were completed using 18 aircraft in 102 Sorties and have moved 909 passengers and 1,169 short tons of cargo.

One of our very own C-17s, commanded by Capt Matt Hood from the 3d Airlift Squadron, flew the first U.S. sortie into Mali, delivering French personnel and more than 40 tons of equipment and supplies. The airlift mission took nearly 6 hours and carried a load that was near the C-17's maximum capacity.

It is important to me that every Airman connects the dots from their daily activities to our C-17 landing in Mali. We all contributed to this success, and we should all be justifiably proud of our wing's contribution to this important and historic operation. Please take a minute to consider your contributions and discuss with your team, and know that I appreciate your efforts!

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## The Special Victim's Counsel is here!

On 28 January 2013, the Judge Advocate General (JAG) implemented a Special Victim's Counsel (SVC) Program within the JAG Corps. This program is designed to benefit victims of sexual assault when there is a link to the Air Force through either the victim's or alleged perpetrator's status.

Your local AFOSI and the base sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) have been trained on the Special Victim's Counsel Service. SVC's are centrally assigned to sexual assault victims upon the victim's request. SVCs enter into an attorney client relationship to their assigned victim, advise them of their rights under the UCMJ and other laws, and advocate on their behalf in accordance with the desires of the victim.

We do not anticipate the SVC Program will require significant changes in how the SARC and victim advocates (VA) interact with victims of sexual assault; instead, SVCs become integral members of the multi-disciplinary teams that provide support and services to victims of sexual assault.

This is an important addition to our sexual assault response capability. To request the service of the SVC or to get information on how the program works, victims should contact the base SARC, Ann McMillan at 677-3680 or 302-363-7272.

"Deliver!"

